**Community Preservation Panel March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora firehouse meeting room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairperson Chris MacCormick, Jeff Blum, Ed Easter (7:07pm), Richard Kegler (7:08pm) and Claire Morehouse

**Others Present:** Village Clerk Ann Balloni, Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab and Wells College Facilities Manager Brian Brown

**Call to Order:** Mr. MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**No changes to the agenda**

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the February 7, 2018 minutes.

AYES: Blum, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Mr. MacCormick relayed a discussion he had with Inns of Aurora general manager, Sue Edinger, regarding renting Dories. Per Ms. Edinger, Pleasant Rowland (owner of the property) nixed the plan for Aurora Ale & Lager Co. to operate a satellite location in Dories, in favor of retaining the space for the Inns baking facilities and hosting occasional cooking classes. Mr. MacCormick expressed concern for the lack of business opportunities in the village unaffiliated with the Inns of Aurora as they control most of the commercial space. Mr. MacCormick also referred to the Aurora Place which until recently housed the Aurora Arts & Design Center and, until purchased by Ms. Rowland in 2002, accommodated several local businesses. The building now consists of fitness equipment for guests of the Inns.

Mr. MacCormick also informed the committee of the upcoming public hearing for the Inns of Aurora request to the Cayuga Industrial Development Agency for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Shakelton House hotel project. The public hearing is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 5:00 in the Aurora Firehouse meeting room.

**Visitor Welcome:** Mr. MacCormick welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

**No Old Business was discussed**

**New Business**

**Consultation meeting with Wells College on upcoming maintenance for landmark buildings**

Mr. Brown noted two campus projects planned with funding from alumni gifts; repainting Glen Park Dormitory and replacing the roof on Richmond House. Mr. Brown indicated that their preference is to renovate with paint/materials as close to the original as possible. There are no plans to change the color of Glen Park and Mr. Brown noted the metal roof currently on Richmond House will be replaced with shingles as shingles were the original material.

Dr. Schwab reviewed photos of the properties and shared her thoughts with Mr. Brown and the panel. Ms. Morehouse offered her expertise regarding color/paint choices which Mr. Brown graciously accepted.

Mr. MacCormick advised Mr. Brown to submit the applications, with sample materials, in time for review at the April 4, 2018 CPP meeting.

Mr. MacCormick also suggested to Mr. Brown that the panel would appreciate receiving plans for renovating McGordon House as it continues to fall further and further into disrepair. As he left the meeting Mr. Brown replied, “I’m on it”.

**#18-03 from Linda Schwab for a new fence at 318 Main St (Tax Map #182.13-1-32.2)**

Mr. MacCormick remarked that the review of Application #18-04 is mainly a formality owing that a very small section is visible from the public way. The fence will be placed along the north and east sides of the property using existing wooden posts with 4’ welded wire. Dr. Schwab noted that the fence is necessary to deter coyotes, blends in with the vegetation and is easily removed if needed.

On motion by Mr. Easter, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #18-03 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Easter, Kegler, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

 **#18-04 from Linda Schwab for a new fence on Dublin Hill Road (Tax Map #182.13-1-38)**

Dr. Schwab explained that NYSEG had recently removed shrubbery near her border along Dublin Hill Road. Dr. Schwab noted that there is a large drop off that is no longer protected by the shrubs and is requesting attaching a 4’ welded wire fence to existing 4’-5’ posts for safety reasons. The fence is within Dr. Schwab’s property line and added that she would paint the existing yellow fence post tops green.

Mr. MacCormick agreed that the fence is needed for safety reasons.

On motion by Mr. Easter, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #18-04 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Easter, Kegler, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Mr. Easter, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

AYES: Blum, Easter, Kegler, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni, Village Clerk